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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO B. G. SHTEPA,
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT:
"DEAR MINISTER SHTEPA; THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 12
CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES OF
THE COORDINATING GROUP ON PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION.
IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO DELAY THIS RESPONSE UNTIL PLANS
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FOR THE VISITS OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS AS MENTIONED IN MY

LETTER OF JULY 6 COULD BE CLARIFIED.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE DECISIONS OF THE MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WHICH YOU ATTENDED ON MAY 15, THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL AND MUNICIPAL SOURCES HAS NOW ATTAINED INDEPENDENT WORKING GROUP STATUS UNDER MR. CAHILL AND MR. YAKOVLEV, AND THEREFORE IS NO LONGER UNDER OUR COORDINATING GROUP. ACCORDINGLY, I CONCUR IN YOUR SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA AND PROPOSE THE ITINERARY OUTLINED BELOW FOR YOU, ME, AND THE HEADS OF THE REMAINING THREE PROJECTS. OF COURSE, IF YOU WISH TO ADD ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON AS YOUR ASSISTANT OR AS A SPECIALIST

IN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE HIM.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARY:

SEPTEMBER 13, FRIDAY: ARRIVAL BY AEROFLOT AT WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 16-18: COORDINATING GROUP MEETING IN CHICAGO
SEPTEMBER 19-20: EPA RESEARCH CENTER, CORVALLIS, OREGON, PLUS OTHER RESEARCH FACILITIES IN THAT AREA.
SEPTEMBER 21-22: EXPO '74, SPOKANE
SEPTEMBER 23-25: VISITS TO RESEARCH FACILITIES ON THE WEST COAST.

SEPTEMBER 26: FLY TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPTEMBER 27: FINAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON; RETURN TO USSR VIA AEROFLOT.

IF YOUR DELEGATION HAS A STRONG PREFERENCE TO VISIT EXPO '74 ON SEPTEMBER 19, WHICH IS THE USSR NATIONAL DAY, WE CAN REARRANGE THE SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE FOR THIS. THE SCHEDULE WE HAVE PROPOSED GIVES THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT RESEARCH FACILITIES.

4. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY RESPONSE, AND TO SEEING

YOU IN SEPTEMBER. CORDIALLY, JOHN L. BUCKLEY, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM INTEGRATION, U.S.E.P.A."

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5. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT POSITION TAKEN BY U.S. SIDE ON INCLUDING THE CAHILL/YAKOVLEV WORKING GROUP AS PART OF THE BUCKLEY/SHTEPA COORDINATING GROUP IS DIFFERENT FROM POSITION FORWARDED PREVIOUSLY, AS IN STATE 162621. REASON IS THAT U.S. SIDE WAS TRYING TO ACCOMODATE IMPLICATION BY SOVIET SIDE THAT THEY MIGHT BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF THE SPLIT DID NOT EFFECTIVELY TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER FORMAL RATIFICATION BY THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. HOWEVER,

CONFUSION AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN SETTING UP
COORDINATING GROUP MEETING LEAD TO STRONG U.S. DESIRE TO
GO AHEAD WITH WORK AS INDICATED IN THIS MESSAGE, AND
IN CONSONANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE MID-YEAR REVIEW.
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